

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3175 **TITLE:** COMMUNITY HEALTH SPECIALIST **GRADE:** S-22

DEFINITION:

Under minimal supervision, to perform professional work in the administration of health programs to control venereal disease, AIDS and other communicable diseases, and to do related work as required.

TYPICAL TASKS:

Plans, develops and/or delivers health education programs to specific target populations with emphasis on prevention and control of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and/or sexually transmitted diseases;
Prepares and/or gathers health education written and audiovisual materials for specific target groups;
Makes presentations utilizing ethnical sensitive materials and adult learning concepts;
Measures the effectiveness of the community Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) education efforts, gathers statistical data, and prepares reports;
Serves as a liaison with other HIV oriented community, regional or state education groups;
Identifies and works with sub-groups of the community to organize and implement HIV education service;
Analyzes statistical data on incidence of communicable diseases in Fairfax County and recommends control activities;
Conducts clinic screenings and informs patients of test results;
Performs field investigations of reported venereal and other communicable disease cases;
Interviews disease suspects and refers suspected cases to diagnostic and treatment facilities.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of program development, implementation and elementary evaluation;
Knowledge of communities being served, cultural diversities and resources available;
Ability to plan, develop and/or deliver health education programs to specific target populations;
Ability to work independently and deliver health education presentations within the community;
Ability to work predominantly with adults, applying adult learning concepts;
Ability to work with sub-groups of the community to organize and implement HIV education services;
Excellent oral and written communication skills.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelors degree in health education, human services, or a directly related field; plus one year of experience in communicable disease education, investigation or other types of health-related work involving considerable public contact.

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